

Delaware Forest Service Annual Arbor Day Poster Contest & Free Seedling Program



2024 Poster Theme:

Trees are Terrific...for Outdoor Adventures!

The annual Arbor Day Poster Contest is designed to increase knowledge about trees and forest resources. The poster contest is an annual way for students to learn more about the role of trees in our communities and their direct impact on Delawareans' health and well-being.

This year's theme, "Trees are Terrific...for Outdoor Adventures!" is intended to highlight the importance of getting outside. Ample data exists to document that when children and adults spend more time outdoors, they become healthier, less stressed, more connected to nature, and better stewards of the environment. There are many activities that can be enjoyed outdoors, and trees and forests can enhance the experience. At a Delaware State Forest, for instance, you can explore, camp, hike, fish, birdwatch, ride bikes, read a book, or just take time away from your busy lifestyle. Even if you don't have access to a forest, trees can be found in so many parts of our daily lives. Trees exist in parks, schoolyards, and backyards and can serve as the central focus of many outdoor adventures!



The poster contest is open to all K-5 public, private, homeschool, after-school, and other organized youth groups. Winning posters will be selected from each of the three counties in the following grade categories: K, 1&2, 3&4, and 5th. Twelve winners will be invited to the annual **Statewide Arbor Day Celebration** hosted by Governor Carney! 2024 Poster Contest Guidelines and Rules will be accessible during registration.

SCAN CODE TO REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE AND RESERVE SEEDLINGS

<https://forms.gle/iNWi6uAZN6d2bFvJ9>

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Deadline to register and reserve free seedlings: **March 9**
- Deadline to submit posters for state contest: **March 22**
- Arbor Day in Delaware: **Friday, April 26**

